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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Garcia DATE TYPED 01/30/05 HB 156

SHORT TITLE NMSU Alliance for Underrepresented Students SB _____

ANALYST Woods

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$250.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates SB96

Relates to the appropriation for New Mexico State University in the General Appropriations Act.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

New Mexico Commission on Higher Education (CHE)

New Mexico State University (NMSU)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 156 – Making an Appropriation for the Alliance for Underrepresented Students at New Mexico State University – appropriates \$250,000 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University for expenditure in FY06 to fund the alliance for underrepresented students. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY06 shall revert to the general fund.

Significant Issues

CHE indicates this request is to permit the match (1:1 match rate) of federal grant funds to increase graduation rates for underrepresented students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics including minorities and students with disabilities. This is a statewide program managed at NMSU.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

CHE notes that this request was approved by NMSU Board of Regents in the amount of \$250,000 and submitted to the CHE for review; however the program was not recommended for expansion by the CHE at this time.

The appropriation of \$250,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY06 shall revert to the general fund.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

NMSU would retain oversight of the program.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

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WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL?

NMSU suggests that fewer students from underrepresented groups will be able to participate in the program, leading to decreased graduation rates and representation of these students in the state's science, technology, engineering, and mathematics disciplines and, subsequently, in the high technology workforce.

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